



# THE NEW PAGANISM

and the **WAR** *Against Life*

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# Introduction

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John Vennari's stirring presentation, which was delivered at The Fatima Center's "Consecration Now!" conference held in Rome in May 2011, is at last reproduced here in booklet form. Cardinal Renato Martino, who attended the conference and heard the presentation, has endorsed it as an important *wake-up call for all of us*.

What we once called the War Against the Unborn is today seen more clearly for what it really is – a War Against Innocent and Helpless Human Life at all stages.

In the New Paganism rising up around us, no one's life is considered sacred, whether in or out of the womb. In any society, "euthanasia" (or more precisely, the voluntary *or involuntary* termination of "surplus" or "unproductive" lives) is the inevitable attendant and logical consequence of the institutionalized murder of "inconvenient" children.

**How** is it possible that so many in our "civilized" times could be so heartless as to kill their own helpless sons and daughters, like the Canaanites of old, "those merciless murderers of their own children, and those parents sacrificing with their own hands helpless souls"? (*Wisdom* 12:5-6)

**How** could so many of our generation return their parents' love and labors with a cruel death sentence, depriving their own one-time care-givers not only of ordinary medical care but even of food and water?

**How** could so many of the faithful tolerate, applaud, or even vote for so-called "Catholic" politicians or other selfish politicians who advocate and/or vote for abortion and euthanasia?

**How** is it that so many of even our Cardinals, Vatican officials, bishops and priests are cowardly, tolerant, and almost completely silent regarding such absolutely despicable public evils as "legal" abortion and the deliberate killing of the weak, elderly and infirm?

## **Freemasonry, a Religion Worshiping the Canaanite gods, Lies to Itself and Deceives Many**

The answer to these questions is that this New Paganism, while different in some aspects from Old Paganism, in its fundamental tenants and practices, is the same as the Old Paganism. We are in a battle not just against flesh and blood, not just against erroneous philosophies, but "against the rulers of the world of this darkness, against the spirits of wickedness" (*Ephesians* 6:12), whose leader, satan, was a murderer from the beginning. (*John* 8:44)

The idols of the old pagans were not mere superstitious and vain imaginings. They were devils – real spirits, and utterly evil. "All the gods of the gentiles are devils." (*Psalms* 95:5) It is those same murderous demonic

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spirits of old who today are driving the New Paganism toward the creation of a Masonic “new world order” (N.W.O.). And just as human sacrifice was part and parcel of the Old Paganism, it is already present in the New Paganism with abortion and euthanasia.

It is already quite clear that at the heart of the coming – almost present – global, anti-Christian social order (i.e. the New World Order [N.W.O.]) there will be a horrendous program of “eugenic” murders, whose victims will come from all stages of human life.

Freemasonry, when it is pressed, acknowledges that Masonry is a religion – a pagan religion. Masonry literally entails the worship of the old Canaanite gods. Its rituals may sound to the uninitiated like mumbo-jumbo and harmless nonsense, but, in fact, they are pagan religious ceremonies. Freemasonry, in its highest degrees, worships satan (as Pope Leo XIII points out in his encyclical *Humanum Genus*).

To preserve your own clarity of thought, and possibly to preserve your own life, read this booklet to see how the devil has succeeded in portraying evil as good. See how he has led the unsuspecting step by step – by murderous ideas and eventual legislation – down the path of creating a hell on earth, in which the strong willingly go along with the murder of others because they refuse to be inconvenienced by the helpless and the weak.

### **There Can Be No Neutral Bystander in This Battle!**

To those of us whose eyes of faith are kept wide open, it is plain that the battle for souls and for human lives is raging all around us.

The Immaculate Virgin and the infernal serpent (each along with their followers, both angels and men) are now engaged in a final battle, into which all of us are necessarily drawn. Each of us must make the effort to inform his mind and his conscience about these essential issues of our day, lest he be ensnared by errors and choose (even by his inaction) the wrong side.

We are all obliged to work, to pray, and to suffer for God’s cause in this world. But in such perilous and diabolically disoriented times as our own, even the elect are in danger of being deceived, as Our Lord warned. Many have already been deceived by the great lies of our age – by the so-called “rights of man” in opposition to the rights of God.

The masons, freethinkers, and some secularized patriots argue that man in the public square (e.g. in legislatures, hospitals, and schools) can exclude God from being our Ruler in all things, public and private. Thus, these men claim that man can be his own god, and that he can be the master even of life and death – that is, that we are free to murder our fellow men as long as the majority of men go along with it.

Thus, the maxim of St. Thomas Aquinas is proven true today, that the

first-fruit of error is injustice. In any age, the errors of heresy are soon watered by the blood of the innocent and of the martyrs. It is even more dangerous for all of us in this age of apostasy and faithlessness – when the salt of the faithful has lost its flavor – and thus, sloth, laziness and indifference rule supreme.

The intellectual and spiritual errors of recent centuries (such as Freemasonry, Communism, Naziism, and other such false religious and secular isms and their ideological offspring) have today been accepted widely, leading to blood on the hands of many who are blind to the fact that they have made themselves complicit in murder.

Many men and women have joined the ranks of abortionists and “mercy killing” by an explicit choice to become followers of the devil. Others, however, have lost their way by default, or ignorance, or unbridled passions and/or through false loyalties: “My country, my race, my social class, my favorite leader, etc. – right or wrong!”

These sins of omission and commission are the consequence of their sloth, indifference, laziness, or just going along with the enemies of God for their false friendship or for the perceived good they receive for their betrayal. Their consciences have been seared by the evils they have chosen to tolerate, as St. Paul says: “Some shall depart from the Faith, giving heed to spirits of error and doctrines of devils, speaking lies in hypocrisy, and having their conscience seared” (1 *Timothy* 4:1-2).

Let us not fall into the error of these men and women who, by their blameworthy ignorance or by their sinful inaction, will be condemned to hell for their indifference and betrayal. Remember, all that is necessary for the triumph of evil is for “good” men to do nothing.

### **Our Lady of Fatima Will Triumph Over Freemasonry**

Have we no means of fighting this battle? The Blessed Virgin Mary, Who was prophesied from the beginning to crush the devil’s head (*Genesis* 3: 15), gave us the means – our *only* means – of preservation and especially of victory. “Only I can help you,” Our Lady said at Fatima. By bringing the unimaginably great merits of Her Immaculate Heart to bear against the terrible weight of the sins of the world, She can deliver us from the just punishments of God that are falling upon us. Only She can deliver us from the reign of godless men and their satanic policies.

There is no other solution to the threat of the New Paganism than to obey the command of God given through Our Lady of Fatima for the Consecration of Russia to the Immaculate Heart of Mary by the Pope and all the Catholic bishops. ***There is no other solution!*** Today’s accelerating descent into paganism – which is documented in this booklet – is yet another proof of what Our Lady of Fatima has told us: “Only I can help you!”

Every Catholic must take the Pro-life battle seriously, and therefore, we all need to take Our Lady's words at Fatima to heart. It is only with the spiritual weapons which She has given us that we will win this battle – or more precisely, that ***Her Immaculate Heart*** will triumph over the powers of hell.

Doing our daily duty (including knowing and spreading the truth about Fatima) together with our daily Rosaries, our continual prayers and sacrifices (invoking particularly St. Michael and Our Lady's Immaculate Heart), our Communion of Reparation on the First Saturdays, our almsgiving, and finally, the proper Consecration of Russia will win the day, through Our Lady's great power. And, thus, the will of God to establish in the world devotion to the Immaculate Heart of Mary will finally be achieved.

***This booklet is a wake-up call*** for us to see to what extent the forces of evil have already taken modern society into truly horrifying and shameful errors. We all need to rouse ourselves and our loved ones and acquaintances out of the stupor of the past 85 years during which the Message of Fatima and God's command for the Consecration of Russia have been neglected by almost all, and stupidly and ungratefully scorned by too many.

Before any more lives and souls are lost, we need to use the means given to us by Our Lady of Fatima to halt the spread of the "errors of Russia" which have now taken hold in Western society (including abortion and euthanasia). Only Our Lady can overcome these publicly endorsed evils. "In the end," She said, "My Immaculate Heart will triumph. The Holy Father will consecrate Russia to Me, and she will be converted, and a period of peace, will be granted to the world." ***A period of peace***, She said – free not only of war between nations, but also free of the murder of all innocents.

This period of peace must, therefore, stop the war against the unborn in which, since 1984, there have been more than ***1 BILLION, 600 MILLION*** innocent babies butchered to death in their mother's womb. Let us hasten Our Lady's triumph by our prayers, especially our Rosaries, as well as promoting in every way we can, knowledge of, and obedience to Her solemn request for the Consecration of Russia given in Her Fatima Message.

It is this great period of peace promised by Our Lady of Fatima, and which only She can give us, that all true lovers of peace are consciously or unconsciously seeking in the murderous turmoil of our day. Every Pro-lifer should promote the Consecration of Russia as the key part of fighting this heart-rending battle for the right to life. The Consecration of Russia will win the whole war against the devil and his followers, on every front.

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## Chapter I

# The New Paganism

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One of the saddest stories I ever heard was something said in this room one year ago. It was at last year's "The Fatima Challenge" conference held by the Fatima Center, in the talk given by the retired Bishop Manoel Pestana from Brazil (died Jan. 2011).

Bishop Pestana related an episode where he was addressing the Brazilian Bishops' Conference, urging them to fight abortion. Their response was disturbing.

Bishop Pestana said: "The bishops told me, 'Don Pestana, you must understand that we can not lose battles, ideals, courage for a battle that is already lost. Abortion is now here, as it has been approved by almost every nation. Let's not waste our time on such things'."

So look at what's going on here. We have the bishops from what used to be one of the largest Catholic countries in the world just giving up the battle against abortion; giving up the battle to save innocent babies from wanton slaughter; saying that it's already lost: "Let's not waste our time with these things."

This is not the language of the Church Militant, not the language of men of Faith, not the language of true leadership. It is the language of callousness, compromise and cowardice.

Bishop Pestana gave the bishops a good answer. He said to them: "God does not judge us on whether or not we win battles, but if we fought well."

This is similar to what the pro-life Father Paul Marx used to say; that on the day of judgment, "God will not ask you if you won, He'll ask you if you tried." No matter what the consequences, the Catholic has the duty to keep fighting. This especially applies to the priest and bishop who is duty bound to protect his flock. Surrender is not an option.

We'll come back to the bishops at the end, but look what is happening here: These bishops, as well as too many others throughout the world, have caved in to the New Paganism.

What is the New Paganism?

There have been great men and women in the recent past who have

warned in advance against the rise of the godless and anti-human period of history in which we now find ourselves.

## “Contempt for Tradition”

One of the most keen-eyed warnings came from the renowned Catholic historian Hilaire Belloc, in a magnificent essay he wrote in 1931 called “The New Paganism”. He makes this point: the central aspect of the Old Paganism was deep respect for tradition, and the defining element of the post-Christian paganism is a revolutionary contempt for Tradition. Belloc wrote:



“The Old Paganism was profoundly traditional. Indeed it had no roots except in Tradition. Deep reverence for its own past and for the wisdom of its ancestry and the pride therein were the very soul of the Old Paganism; that is why it formed so solid a foundation on which to build the Catholic Church, and that is also why it offered so long a determined resistance to the growth of the Catholic Church.

But the New Paganism has for its very essence contempt for tradition and contempt for ancestry. It respects perhaps nothing. But least of all does it respect the spirit of ‘Our Fathers have told us’.”<sup>1</sup>

The eminent Catholic historian Hilaire Belloc warned that a defining mark of the New Paganism is contempt for tradition and contempt for what our fathers taught us.

Throughout history, our fathers have told us to respect human life; that human life is precious, that it is a gift from God, that we have a duty to protect the life of the most weak and vulnerable; that we may not treat human life as if it were merely animal life.

Our great Fathers – whether they be the Fathers and Doctors and learned men of the Church, or great philosophers such as Aristotle, or truly upright statesmen who at least accepted the natural law – have told us these things. And they have told us these things not because it all sounded pretty and noble, but because these things are true.

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1 “The New Paganism”, from Belloc’s *Essays of a Catholic*.



The New Paganism, however, has no respect for what our Fathers taught us; and the New Paganism certainly has no respect for what *Our Father Who art in Heaven* taught us in the Commandments, “Thou Shalt Not Kill”.

The central tenets of the New Paganism come from the forces of Organized Naturalism, warned often by the Popes of the past, especially by Leo XIII in his encyclical against Freemasonry, *Humanum Genus*, and by Father Denis Fahey. Cardinal Pie of Poitiers explained in strong, clear language, the insidious nature of this Naturalism:

“Naturalism is more than a heresy: it is pure undiluted anti-Christianism. Heresy denies one or more dogmas; Naturalism denies that there are any dogmas or that there can be any. Heresy alters more or less what God has revealed; Naturalism denies the very existence of revelation. It follows that the inevitable law and the obstinate passion of Naturalism is to dethrone Our Lord Jesus Christ and to drive Him from the world. This will be the task of Antichrist and it is satan’s ambition ... The great obstacle to the salvation of the men of our day, as the Vatican Council [I] points out in the first Constitution on Doctrine, what hurls more people into hell nowadays than at any other epoch, is Rationalism and Naturalism ... Naturalism strives with all its might to exclude Our Lord Jesus Christ, Our One Master and Savior, from the minds of men as well as from the daily lives and habits of peoples, in order to set up the reign of reason or of nature. Now, wherever the breath of Naturalism has passed, the very source of Christian life is dried up. Naturalism means complete sterility in regard to salvation and eternal life.”<sup>2</sup>

In a dramatic passage that drives the point home regarding naturalism, the French Bishop Gaume in 1877 gave us what we could call a *personification* of the Masonic Revolution. The quote is in a European context, but the point is nonetheless valid and striking. This is the “Revolution” speaking:

“I am not what you think I am. Many speak of me but few know me. I am not Freemasonry, nor rioting, nor the changing of the

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2 *The Kingship of Christ according to Cardinal Pie of Poitiers*, pp. 57, 58. Quoted from *The Kingship of Christ and Organized Naturalism*, Father Denis Fahey (Dublin: Regina Publications, 1943), p. 3.

monarchy into a republic, not the substitution of one dynasty for another, not temporary disturbance of public order. I am not the shouts of Jacobins, nor the fury of the Montagne, nor the fighting on the barricades, nor pillage, nor arson, nor the agricultural law, nor the guillotine, nor the drownings. I am neither Marat nor Robespierre, nor Babeuf nor Mazzini nor Kossuth. These men are my sons but they are not me. These things are my works but they are not me. These men and these things are passing objects but I am a permanent state... I am the hatred of all order not established by man and in which he himself is not both king and god.”<sup>3</sup>

This is the true nature of naturalism; and this is an accurate description of our time. We increasingly live in a social order that is more and more established by man with no reference to God and His Commandments. We increasingly live in a social order in which man is both sovereign and god.

We thus live in a society wherein laws are established – such as abortion and the increasing acceptance of euthanasia – that are based merely on the human will – what I want, what is convenient to me, what is of utilitarian advantage – and take no account of God and His eternal law. It is a manifestation of the New Paganism warned of by Belloc.

Regarding these new anti-God and anti-human laws, we reject them, because they are not true laws at all. Pope Leo XIII, in his magnificent encyclical *Sapientiae Christianae*, reinforces this truth.

Basing himself on Our Lord’s words that “No man can obey two Masters”, and on St. Peter in Acts 5:29: “We ought to obey God rather than men,” Pope Leo writes,

“But, if the laws of the State are manifestly at variance with the divine law, containing enactments hurtful to the Church, or conveying injunctions adverse to the duties imposed by religion, ... then, truly, to resist becomes a positive duty, to obey, a crime ...”<sup>4</sup>

We thus have the words of Pope Leo XIII himself that resistance to unjust laws such as “legalized abortion” is a positive duty. To obey – and I will add, to cooperate – is a crime.

3 *They Have Uncrowned Him*, Archbishop Lefebvre, Chapter XIII.

4 *Sapientiae Christianae*, Pope Leo XIII, Jan. 10, 1890, #10.



The famous 1970 *California Medicine* article admitted that everyone knows human life begins at conception. The “problem”, however, is there are too many people who believe in the old Christian ethic that killing the innocent is always wrong. The old ethic is being replaced by the so-called “new ethic” that places a *relative* value on human life, rather than an *absolute* value. In other words, a new “ethic” that favors the direct killing of the innocent based on “quality of life,” on whether or not an innocent baby is wanted by the mother.

The New Paganism, otherwise known as the forces of Organized Naturalism, are constantly working to degrade human life, and to destroy human life, in the name of social engineering and population control. This anti-life program holds that human life does not have value in itself, but only a *contingent* value based on its Quality of Life (in the case of the sick and the elderly), or based on whether that human life is wanted (as is the case of mothers aborting their babies). If a human life is deemed “not worth living”, it can be destroyed.

We will explore more practical details of this anti-life movement and how it affects us. *(Chapter 2 begins on page 6.)*

### **Note From the Publisher:**

There are some noteworthy differences between the New Paganism and the Old Paganism. The Old Paganism accepted their gods from their ancestors. Many (not all) of the modern pagans are former Christians who have, in essence, rejected the One True God adored by their forefathers. They have rejected God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit and His law and His commandments.

The old pagans were openly pagan. The new pagans, for now, hide – as far as they can from the general public – that they worship physical idols – the same idols of the Canaanite gods. Ultimately, the new pagans, like the old pagans, serve and worship satan and other devils. The New Paganism (unlike the old) is nihilistic, respecting nothing of the culture that went before it, not even the natural virtues.

## Chapter II

# California Medicine

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The true nature of this new approach to human life was manifest in an infamous pro-abortion editorial that appeared in *California Medicine*, September 1970, Vol. 113, No. 3.

This editorial was published three years before the United States Supreme Court ruled on *Roe v. Wade*. It is crucial to know this editorial, because it admits the truth about abortion, and lays out the strategy that had to be employed in order to gain public acceptance for abortion.

The *California Medicine* editorial contrasted the traditional ethic with the “new ethic”. It said that the traditional Western ethic “has always placed great emphasis on the intrinsic worth and equal value of every human life regardless of its stage or condition.” This ethic is “blessed and reinforced by Christian heritage,” and has been “the basis for most of our laws and of our social policies.”

But now we see the emergence of a “new ethic”, that focuses more on what is called the “Quality of Life”, that places a *relative* value on human life, and not an *absolute* value.

In discussing abortion, the editorial basically says that we all know when human life begins. This *California Medicine* editorial – which is a pro-abortion editorial – doesn’t go into the question: does life begin at conception? In an abortion, are we really killing a human being?

No, the magazine knows the answer. The editorial says, “***Everyone really knows, that human life begins at conception and is continuous whether intra- or extra- uterine until death.***”

So the question of when human life begins is not the problem. The problem, according to the editorial, is that there are too many people in society that are still stuck in the old Western ethic that killing is socially abhorrent; that killing is wrong.

The editorial says – again, 1970 – that if the abortion movement is to succeed, ***it is necessary to separate the notion of abortion from the notion of killing.***

This is when we began to hear the new terminology: removing the fetus (never call it a baby, but a fetus), removing the product of conception, terminating the pregnancy. Call it anything, but don’t call it killing.

This is also where we get the term “pro-choice”. It is an example of separating the notion of abortion from the notion of killing.

But abortion is not an issue of a woman’s choice, it is an issue of killing the most innocent and defenseless, the baby in her womb. “Pro-choice” is a term we should never use, whether in writing, in public speeches, in conversation. It is the enemy’s terminology that shifts the emphasis away from what we are really dealing with: willful murder, which is one of the four sins crying to Heaven for vengeance.

But again, back to the main point in the *California Medicine* editorial: for the abortion movement to succeed it is crucial to separate the notion of abortion from the notion of killing. This is the strategy that has been used, and it has worked.

We now see the same strategy applied to the other end of life.

Instead of calling euthanasia or assisted suicide “killing”, it is sold as “the right to die”, “death with dignity”, or “painless release”. It has to be given a positive slant to cover what is really happening: willful murder – direct killing. “Killing” is offered as a solution to a problem.

Now here is the difficulty.

Once we say that abortion or euthanasia is licit in my life as a solution to a personal problem, then what is to stop governments from enforcing the same barbarity to solve what a given government regards as a social problem?

When Pope Paul VI reinforced the Church’s condemnation of artificial birth control in his 1968 encyclical *Humane Vitae*, he warned that if birth control is considered licit, then what is to prevent governments from incorporating birth control into public policy? And this has happened, and continues to happen, in the United States and elsewhere.<sup>5</sup>

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5 For example: “The [US] nation’s largest abortion provider, Planned Parenthood, has ridden the waves of taxpayer funding to millions of dollars in annual surpluses. In 2011 alone, Planned Parenthood received over \$542 million in taxpayer funding while performing a record 333,964 abortions. According to analysis by the Susan B. Anthony List, Planned Parenthood has performed almost 1 million abortions in the past three reporting years alone. In January 2009, President Obama rescinded the Mexico City policy – a 1984 directive by the Reagan Administration that prohibited certain federal dollars from going to international organizations that promote or perform abortions as a method of family planning. Since then, the U.S. has sent millions of taxpayer dollars to international abortion providers and lobbyists each year. President Obama also signaled in 2009 that he would restore funding to the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA). The U.S. has since sent tens of millions of taxpayer dollars to the organization, despite continued assertions that UNFPA has been involved in China’s coercive one-child policy. For years prior, the U.S. withheld funding to UNFPA under the Kemp-Kasten amendment, which prohibits U.S. international aid from supporting coercive abortion procedures or involuntary sterilization.” See “Abortion: U.S. Taxpayers Fund It Here and Abroad”, Sarah Torre, *The Daily Signal*, January 23, 2013.

If abortion is legal, then what is to prevent governments from forcing abortion on its citizens as a means of population control, such as the monstrous one-child policy imposed by the government of China? In fact, in late April 2011 China confirmed, contrary to rumors, that it *will* maintain its one child policy.<sup>6</sup>

And if euthanasia – the killing of the elderly and the terminally ill – is recognized as good and legal, then what is to prevent governments from enforcing euthanasia measures on members of its population? (This is why, speaking as an American, there is a legitimate fear of the so-called “death panels” in Obama’s healthcare legislation).

For we all know, the so-called “Right to die” will soon become the “Duty to die” – the duty for the elderly and the terminally ill to get out of the way, not be a drain on time and expenses. This is where we are headed, towards physicians and others deciding on their own that this life is not worth living and snuffing it out. In fact, it’s not “where we are headed”, it’s where we are right now.

In the Netherlands, where euthanasia has been ‘legal’ for decades, the Dutch Government itself released a 1991 report. It reveals there were over 25,000 cases of euthanasia annually in the Netherlands. And of these more than 25,000 cases in 1991, 14,691 of these cases were by *involuntary* euthanasia. In other words, the doctor simply killed the patient or allowed the patient to die. Of these nearly 15,000 cases of involuntary euthanasia, “the 4941 cases where lethal overdose of morphine was administered with the patient’s knowledge are listed under the subsection, ‘pain relief’.”<sup>7</sup>

These facts are from “The Report of the Dutch Government Committee on Euthanasia” printed in the journal *Issue in Law and Medicine*, Volume 7, Number 3, 1991.

In response to this report, the Dutch government issued stricter laws, but these laws are not enforced.<sup>8</sup>

Yet as we will see, this anti-life movement has been with us for decades, and even preceded the atrocious programs of Adolph Hitler.

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6 “Chinese President: One-Child Policy Stays”, *LifeSiteNews*, April 28, 2011.

7 Quoted from *Death as a Salesman: What’s Wrong with Assisted Suicide*, Brian P. Johnston [Sacramento: New Regency Publishing, 1998], pp. 69-70.

8 *Ibid.*, pp. 71-75.

## Chapter III

### Binding & Hoche:

### The Right to Die Becomes the Duty to Die

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In order to demonstrate that euthanasia-friendly thinking in the medical profession is both real and not new to our own generation, I want to read the following from a book co-authored by two professionals: one a physician and the other a legal scholar:

“Arguments for this legislation [of ‘terminating the life’ of another person] have recently been heard and the motto of this movement has become: ‘The right to death with dignity’.

“By death with dignity, we don’t only mean the right to death with dignity, but much more, the legally acknowledged right to the complete relief of an unbearable life.”

Where did this quote come from? Is it from Dr. Jack Kevorkian or Princeton’s pagan Professor Peter Singer? Is it from Derek Humphrey, the founder of the Hemlock Society and past president of the “World Federation of Right to Die Societies”, who killed his own wife under the specious rubric of “assisted suicide”?<sup>9</sup>

No, it is taken from a book written in 1920 in Leipzig, Germany titled *The Release of the Destruction of Life Devoid of Value*. It was composed by legal scholar Dr. Karl Binding, and by physician Dr. Alfred Hoche.

The book catalyzed the development of the euthanasia movement in Germany during the Weimer Republic, which was the democracy that governed Germany from World War I until the rise of Hitler.

Hitler did not invent euthanasia; “he simply utilized its inherent potential for genocide to the extreme.”

In an article on the subject written in 1980,<sup>10</sup> Dr. Dennis Bonnette, Professor of Thomistic Philosophy, pointed out how the book *The Release of the Destruction of Life Devoid of Value* develops the euthanasia argument. It contains shocking parallels to today:

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9 Johnston, Chapter I.

10 “Is the United States Becoming the Fourth Reich?”, Dennis Bonnette, Ph.D., *Social Justice Review*, July-August, 1980.

**#1)** As we see in contemporary discussions, *Release of the Destruction of Life Devoid of Value* starts with a defense of suicide. It claims that man is the “born sovereign of his life”. Yet this statement is a manifestation of euthanasia’s foundational atheism. Man is not “sovereign of his own life”, but rather, life is a gift of God, our lives are given from God, and God taketh away. The Fifth Commandment says, “Thou Shalt Not Kill.” The full meaning, as moral theologian Msgr. William T. Smith would explain, is *Thou Shalt not Directly Take the Life of the Innocent and the Helpless*.

**#2)** The authors of *Release* next deal directly with euthanasia itself. They say, “It is only important to consider the change of a painful cause of death, originating in an often life-lasting illness, to a less painful but different cause of death.”

Now when the authors suggest a “change” to a “less painful but different cause of death”, the authors are not talking about merely removal of extraordinary means, but on a “kind helper” – that is, delivering a lethal injection that will cause the death that, the authors imply, is going to happen anyway. They even go so far to claim that this is not killing, but a “natural healing”.

**#3)** *Release* relies on an “ends justifies the means” rational. Dr. Binding writes: “We are not dealing here with an unlawful killing, but with an unprohibited healing action carried out with the blessing of the sufferer, as a pain relief for the nearly dead since it is not done for the purpose of killing them, but to relieve suffering.” They may try to sound “humane,” but they advocate suicide and murder.

**#4)** Here is where we must end up: Dr. Binding proceeds from advocating voluntary euthanasia to *enforced* euthanasia. Binding insists that “granting death with dignity is not dependent on *the consent* of the tortured sick person.” You see what’s happened? We have moved from a defense of suicide to a defense of *murder*: taking a human life without the consent of the victim (remember the earlier-mentioned 1991 report from the Netherlands).

**#5)** From there we move to advocate taking the life of “incurable idiots – no matter if they have been born [this way] or if they have become like one at the last stage of their suffering”. With real efficiency, *Release* suggests “It would be best to apply for death with dignity as soon as incurable idiocy has been confirmed.” This is to apply to young and old, and then Dr. Binding takes it to the next logical step. *Release* suggested that we should “extend this charity to those born severely deformed.”

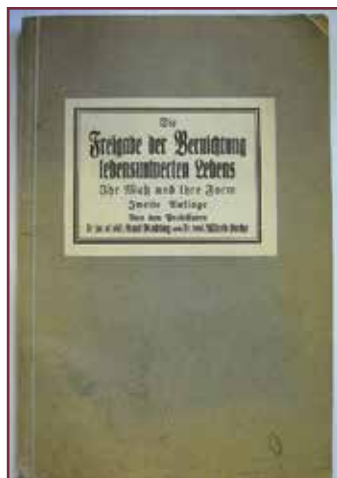


#6) From here we move to the economic argument – and this was primarily advanced by the co-author, Dr. Hoche. Now remember, this was written during the time of the Weimer republic – 1920s – in a “Democratic State” – post- World War I Germany. Here Dr. Hoche calls for the consideration of cost in keeping ‘incurable idiots’ alive. Hoche says: “Concerning the economy, those full idiots are imposing the greatest burden on the environment and society while at the same time they are serviced by persons who are able to live a normal life ... I have found that the average expenditure per idiot for a year is 1,300 marks.” This introduces the principle that it is cheaper to kill the idiots rather than have society bear the cost of keeping them alive.

In his article on the topic, Dr. Bonnette also quotes Representative Walter Sackett, a physician and sponsor of Florida euthanasia laws, who talked in a similar manner about the cost of keeping the severely retarded alive artificially for 50 years. Sacket said: “...it’s going to cost the various states over the same period 100 billion dollars, and when one thinks of what one could do with this money in other fields ... It is a question of cost benefit.”

So those are the six stages of Euthanasia contained in the *Release of the Destruction of Life Devoid of Value*:

1. Man is sovereign over his own life;
2. We should make it possible for the elderly or those severely ill to choose an alternative manner of death, by means of a “kind helper”, otherwise known as a lethal injection;
3. This is defended through an “ends justifies the means” argument, providing we have the consent of the sufferer – justification of assisted suicide.
4. From there we move to advocating death with dignity



Binding and Hoche's *Release of the Destruction of Life Devoid of Value*, written in Germany in the 1920s, established a blueprint wherein the “Right to Die” will become the “Duty to Die”, based on quality of life and cost-effectiveness. It is a blueprint that was later followed by Adolph Hitler and is now followed by modern governments.

- without* the consent of the victim;
5. From there we move to advocating terminating the life of incurable idiots, and we should do this as soon as we learn that their condition is incurable;
  6. The economic motive: it is too expensive to keep these hopelessly ill, these incurable idiots, these useless eaters alive, so it is best to terminate them – with or without their consent.

The “Right to Die” has become the “Duty to Die”.

Adolph Hitler, monster that he was, did not invent these eugenic principles. They were formulated and published in a “free democracy” in the 1920s. Hitler simply picked up this ready-made formula and applied it with full force.

If anyone thinks the eugenic atrocities of the Third Reich could not be repeated, the next chapter should make him think again.

## Chapter IV

# Euthanasia Examples

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Now, the question is: Can today's civic leaders be trusted to ensure that euthanasia measures do not happen to the nations of the world? The answer does not appear to be promising.

Take my own country. In 2008, the United States elected *the most pro-abortion* Senator in the country's history, who went on to become *the most pro-abortion* President in U.S. History, Barack Obama. Obama is a man beholden to the abortion lobby, beholden to Planned Parenthood, beholden to the homosexual lobby. Obama's billionaire financial backer, George Soros, is a zealous advocate for euthanasia and doctor-assisted suicide.<sup>11</sup> It is hard to imagine Soros backing Obama if Obama was not willing to pave the way for more euthanasia and assisted suicide in the United States. In fact, the Hemlock Society – the pro-euthanasia group – had a hand in crafting part of Barack Obama's health care legislation.<sup>12</sup>

The European Union, the United Nations, all are notoriously pro-abortion, and pro-euthanasia.

Here are some recent examples of how public acceptance of euthanasia

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11 "Organizations that support euthanasia for the terminally ill: Soros has long promoted the cause of physician-assisted suicide in an effort to change public attitudes about death. Toward that end, in 1994 he began giving money to the (now defunct) Project on Death in America (PDA), whose purpose was to provide 'end-of-life' assistance for ailing people and to enact public policy that will 'transform the culture and experience of dying and bereavement.' [http://www.capitalresearch.org/pubs/pdf/x3770435801.pdf] Over a 9-year period, the Open Society Institute gave \$45 million to PDA. [http://www.soros.org/resources/articles\_publications/publications/report\_20041122/a\_complete.pdf] Notably, PDA's mission was congruent with the goals of those who support government-run health care, which invariably features bureaucracies tasked with allocating scarce resources and thus determining who will, and who will not, be eligible for particular medications and treatments. Such bureaucracies generally make their calculations based upon cost-benefit analyses of a variety of possible treatments. Ultimately these decisions tend to disfavor the very old and the very sick, because whatever benefits they might gain from expensive interventions are likely to be of short duration, and thus are not judged to be worth the costs. Soros himself has suggested that '[a]ggressive, life-prolonging interventions, which may at times go against the patient's wishes, are much more expensive than proper care for the dying.' [David Horowitz and Richard Poe, *The Shadow Party* (2006), p. 135] Additional pro-euthanasia groups funded by Soros and OSI are the following: • The Death with Dignity National Center seeks to allow 'terminally ill individuals meeting stringent safeguards to hasten their own deaths' by way of lethal drug prescriptions. [http://www.deathwithdignity.org/aboutus/] • The Compassion in Dying Federation of America advocates 'aid-in-dying for terminally ill, mentally competent adults.'" [http://www.capitalresearch.org/pubs/pdf/x3770435801.pdf]. Quoted from "George Soros", *DiscoverTheWorks*, <http://www.discoverthenetworks.org/printindividualProfile.asp?indid=977>

12 "Section 1233 Authors are Major Proponents of Euthanasia, Assisted Suicide," Jill Stanek, August 12, 2009. See also, "ObamaCare 2: Return of the Death Panels", *The New American*, December 28, 2010 [both articles on line].

and assisted suicide is on the rise in various countries in the world:

- In the United Kingdom, a suicide documentary is being marketed to students aged 14 to 18. The so-called “education video” features euthanasia advocate Dr. Philip Nitscke (known as Dr. Death), where he demonstrates his “suicide machine” for lethal injections, and other suicide methods. The documentary’s producers say “We have had extremely positive response from pupils and teachers”.<sup>13</sup> You see, the new generation is being formed to accept killing the sick and elderly as a positive practice.
- Also in the United Kingdom, a so-called “charity” group called “Compassion for Dying” has set up a “how to die” telephone helpline to help people learn how to kill themselves. This was reported in the *London Mail*, on April 28, 2011.<sup>14</sup>
- News of other battles: On March 18, 2011, the Italian Chamber of Deputies commenced a debate on a new bill that would prohibit the starvation and dehydration of patients, even if the patient has completed a “living will” requesting it. A poll at the time revealed that 66% of Italians say they support euthanasia. There is a massive public opinion campaign to get people to accept the idea of euthanasia and “Assisted Suicide”.<sup>15</sup>
- In Australia, and this is from a May 2, 2011 report, a billboard by the Euthanasia Advocacy Group “Exit International” ran in huge block letters, “85% of Australians Support Voluntary Euthanasia”.<sup>16</sup> This is part of creating a tyranny of public opinion so that anyone who opposes euthanasia and assisted suicide will be considered outside the mainstream of modern enlightened thought.
- In India, the Supreme Court in March 2011 passed a motion that saved a woman from lethal injection (active euthanasia) – that’s the good news. The bad news is that the Court also ruled to legalize “passive euthanasia” in certain circumstances. “Passive Euthanasia” here means the removal of extraordinary life support

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13 “UK Marketing Assisted Suicide Educational Videos for 14-year-olds”, *LifeSiteNews*, April 20, 2011.

14 “Outrage as ‘How-to-die Helpline’ is Launched by Euthanasia Charity”, *London Mail*, April 28, 2011.

15 “Proposed Italian Law Bans Starvation and Dehydration of Terminal Patients,” *LifeSiteNews*, March 18, 2011.

16 “Pro-Life Billboard Banned in Australia, but Euthanasia Ad OK.”, *LifeSiteNews*, May 2, 2011.

systems, but also the removal of feeding tubes that provide food and fluids so that grandmom is either starved or dehydrated to death.<sup>17</sup>

- The next example of contempt for human life is not about coercive euthanasia measures, but a coercive sterilization program that comes from the same anti-life mindset.

In Rwanda, there is a plan underway to sterilize 700,000 men over the next three years. It is being done in the name of population control, and with the encouragement of groups funded by the United States Agency for International Development.

The *BBC* and Rwanda news outlets report that the Rwandan government is introducing the campaign “on the heels of a large-scale effort to circumcise men” (on the pretext that this will somehow ‘protect against’ AIDS infection). But as the Rwandan Health Minister told the Rwanda *New Times* newspaper, “We included circumcision because it allows us to get to the men’s reproductive system and in the process we advise them on condom use and vasectomy.”<sup>18</sup>

In 2008, Rwanda Health Officials told the *BBC* that these “circumcision campaigns” would be first practiced on “the newborn, and young men in universities, the army and the police.” This is a definite strategy, since many in the armed forces will regard this directive as an order, even though it is supposedly voluntary.

Steven Mosher of the Population Research Institute said in February



On February 13, 2014, once-Catholic Belgium became the first country on earth to approve of euthanasia for children of all ages.

17 “India Supreme Court Saves Woman’s Life, But Rules Passive Euthanasia Legal”, *LifeSiteNews*, March 8, 2011.

18 “700,000 men expected to undergo vasectomy”, [Rwanda] *New Times*, February [no date], 2011. For more on this story, see also “Rwanda in Vasectomy Drive to Stem Population Growth,” *BBC*, Feb. 3, 2011.

2011: “The Rwandan government claims that it wants men to ‘go willingly’ for sterilization, but it also has a hard quota of 700,000 vasectomies which it wants to meet over the next three years. In our experience, every single time a sterilization campaign has had a target and a timetable, it inevitably involves coercion and other human rights abuses, just as surely as night follows day.”<sup>19</sup>

- In February 2014, Canadian MP Steven Fletcher introduced two private bills to legalize euthanasia and assisted suicide. Alex Schadenberg, Executive Director for the Euthanasia Prevention Coalition, noted: “Mr. Fletcher’s euthanasia bills will not have time to be voted-on in parliament. Mr Fletcher has introduced these bills to create a debate on the issues in Canada.” In the same report, Mr. Schandenberg writes, “In February 2014, the Netherlands Health Minister stated that there were 45 psychiatric euthanasia deaths with one of them being an otherwise healthy woman who was going blind who died by euthanasia because she was ‘obsessed by cleanliness and could not stand being unable to see spots on her clothes’.”<sup>20</sup>
- On February 13, 2014, once-Catholic Belgium became the first country on earth to approve of euthanasia for children of all ages. *LifeSiteNews* reported: “The law extends to those under the age of 18 who request euthanasia with parental consent. It also applies to younger children requesting euthanasia after a doctor has certified that the child fully understands the implications of the decision. *LifeSiteNews*’ Wesley J. Smith observed, “This is the horrific logic of euthanasia: Once killing is accepted as an answer to human difficulty and suffering, the power of sheer logic dictates that there is no bottom.”<sup>21</sup>

We will next talk about how these anti-life practices actually help to destroy the art of medicine itself.

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19 “Rwandan Genocide Redux?”, Steven W. Mosher, Population Control Institute (February 2011).

20 “Canadian MP Introduces Bills to Legalize Euthanasia, Assisted Suicide,” Alex Schadenberg, *LifeNews*, March 24, 2014.

21 “Belgium Parliament passes law allowing children to be euthanized,” Wesley J. Smith, *LifeSiteNews*, February 13, 2014.

## Chapter V

# “Legalized” Euthanasia Destroys the Medical Profession

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“Legalized” euthanasia and “assisted suicide” must be resisted, not only because of the sinfulness of willful murder, but because such practices open the door to multiple abuses, and undermine the patient’s trust in his doctor. I don’t know about you, but I know that if a doctor can kill me and get away with it, maybe to cover up his own mistakes, maybe because he thinks my medical procedure will be too expensive and not worth his trouble, then I’m not going to trust many doctors.

Recently I read a report written by a doctor who said that the medical profession goes through trends just like any other profession. For example, years ago, tonsillectomies were the trend. It was quite common in the 60s and early 70s, and the operation was not always necessary. Now it is not done so much any more.

Another example of “medical trends” is what happened after the broadcast of a television movie called *Sybil* in 1976.

*Sybil* was based on the true story of a woman who supposedly had 16 different “personalities”. The affliction she suffered from was called “Multiple Personality Disorder”, or MPD.

Prior to the broadcast of *Sybil*, fewer than 100 cases of MPD were reported in various medical journals for decades (going back to the 1950s). But after *Sybil* was broadcast and MPD became a household word, the number of diagnoses of MPD suddenly skyrocketed.

Psychiatrist Dr. Elias Aboujaoude said, “As a result of the frenzy, rates of MPD climbed feverishly and suspiciously, reaching, at the height of interest in the condition, 1 to 2 percent of the U.S. Population (that is, several million...).”<sup>22</sup>

The point is: Multiple Personality Disorder became the trend, and millions were then thought to be afflicted with it.

A similar trend will occur – and has already occurred – in the practice

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22 *Virtually You: The Dangerous Powers of E-Personality*, Elias Aboujaoude, MD [New York: Norton, 2011], p. 34.

of euthanasia and assisted suicide. More and more we will see doctors carry out the *execution* of patients who could have survived their illness with a little more treatment, but are instead condemned to die. It is *already becoming* the trend.

For example, there is the case reported by Dr. Richard Fenigson in the *Hastings Center Report* of a Dutch doctor who gave a lethal injection to a Catholic nun suffering from a terminal illness. The doctor assumed that the nun's religious convictions prevented her from asking for euthanasia, so he made the decision himself and killed her.<sup>23</sup>

In February 2011, Dr. François Primeau, a professor of psychiatry at Leval University and Chief of Geriatric Psychiatry at the Hôtel-Dieu de Lévis Hospital, warned that that legalization of euthanasia and assisted suicide for "extreme cases" is a slippery slope to the widespread killing of newborn infants, the elderly, the depressed, and the mentally disabled. He said this to the Quebec National Assembly's Special Commission on the Issue of Dying with Dignity on February 17, 2011.

Dr. Primeau noted that in the Netherlands deaths by euthanasia had increased more than 45% from 2003 to 2009, and that in the Netherlands, "euthanasia has been performed on minors younger than 12 years old, on depressed patients, on handicapped newborns and on patients suffering from mental illness." He called the development "very alarming", which puts it mildly.<sup>24</sup>

Brian P. Johnston, in his book *Death as a Salesman*, lays out some of the real dangers for abuse and murder on a massive scale if euthanasia and "assisted suicide" are legalized (not hypothetical, but have already taken place):

- It undermines the trust in the doctor-patient relationship;
- Patients will be less than honest about their illness if they fear it might cost them their lives;
- There is the risk of mistaken diagnoses;
- There is the risk of coercion – pressure placed on the terminally ill to hasten their own death;
- There is the immediate danger for the frail, disabled and those unable to pay for medical care;

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23 Johnston, p. 75.

24 "Abuse of Assisted Suicide Laws 'Inevitable,' Expert Warns Quebec Government", *LifeSiteNews*, Feb. 22, 2011.



- There is the risk that the more it becomes socially acceptable, people will just opt for suicide, even for depression or in the early stages of an illness. Janet Adkins was a 52-year-old American woman who was diagnosed with early stages of Alzheimer's disease.



She was far from debilitated, and at this point in very good

health, but she was depressed about her diagnosis. She saw euthanasia-advocate Dr. Jack Kevorkian on the *Geraldo* television program and decided not to wait for the infirmity to take hold, but to take matters into her own hands. She made the arrangements. Then one day she played tennis against her 26-year-old son and won, drove to Dr. Jack Kevorkian and received his lethal injection. She died instantly.<sup>25</sup>

- There is the outside pressure on the physician, such as cost-cutting. (This is a real danger; I could tell you stories about this from a surgeon I knew – the pressure insurance companies place on doctors to keep costs down, even to the detriment of the patient);
- There is the temptation for overworked doctors to quietly kill the patients, which would be easier than continuing to treat a serious, chronic illness the patient suffers.<sup>26</sup>

The potential for abuse – as we saw already in the Netherlands – is colossal.

This is no surprise, as any program set up against natural and divine law must necessarily produce evil effects.

25 Johnston, p. 53.

26 Johnston, p. 101.

## Chapter VI

# Against Natural and Divine Law

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Euthanasia and “assisted suicide” are against both natural and Divine Law. We have to remember the basic truth that suicide is a mortal sin. Assisting someone to commit suicide is a mortal sin on the part of both parties; allowing someone to die when the death can be prevented through ordinary means is a mortal sin. And mortal sins condemn us to hell.

We know that suicide is against the natural law, as all living things strive to live. This is what we see in nature. If you’ve ever gone fishing, and you’ve caught an eel, you know how that eel fights like fury to live. It whips all over the place – so does the fish when hooked.

If you corner an animal, it will fight like fury to live.

We’ve seen people who are extremely sick; they fight with everything they’ve got to stay alive. Self-preservation is our strongest instinct.

To deliberately take our life, or ask someone to help us to take our life, is thus against the natural law. Suicide is also against Divine Law.

As St. Thomas Aquinas teaches, God alone is “Lord of death and life, for by His decree, both the sinful and the righteous die.”<sup>27</sup>

We did not make ourselves. We did not give ourselves our own existence. Because if we did, as Dr. Raphael Waters points out, then we would have had to exist before we existed in order to give ourselves existence, which is absurd.

We have existence that is given to us at every instant from God. God not only created us, but He preserves us in existence through an ever-present act of His Will. Man has no right to take his own life, because it is not really his own life, it is given to him by God, and he must return it to God.

## The Catholic Collapse

Here is one of the most frightening aspects of the growing euthanasia movement: it appears that medical students, nursing students, are no longer fully trained in what *California Medicine* called the “Old Western Ethic” that each human life has transcendent value. Rather they are trained into the

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27 *Summa Theologica*, II-II, q. 64., art. 6, ad 1.

situational ethics of the New Paganism, a “Quality of Life” approach that places *relative* value on human life, and not an *absolute* value.

I’m not saying every doctor and nurse thinks this way, but it is certainly the trend, and it’s a trend that appears to be getting worse.

And – though to examine this in detail would take us too far afield – our young people in universities (even Catholic universities) have been taught for the past 40 years that the moral law is relative and not absolute, there’s always an exception: abortion is not always wrong, homosexual acts are not always wrong, assisted suicide is not always wrong.

This collapse in true Catholic teaching was a direct result of the liberal revolution that followed the Second Vatican Council, which caused a breakdown in doctrine, moral teaching, and in Church discipline, to the point where we end up with the modernist moral theologians: the Charles Curran,<sup>28</sup> the Joseph Fuchs, the Richard McCormacks, the Richard McBriens, and the hordes of others of their species who teach that birth control, homosexual acts, abortion and euthanasia can be permissible.

Too many in the hierarchy whose duty it is to stomp out deviations for the good of the flock entrusted to them, allow these deviations to fester (it took nearly 20 years for the Vatican to silence Father Charles Curran, but those who teach a similar corrupt doctrine still run rampant), so that now in most so-called “Catholic” institutions – and this is certainly true in North America – this perversion of the moral law is often the predominant teaching. In too many places, the traditional doctrine against abortion is shunned as absolutist and extremist.

And this brings us back to the story with which I opened: the bishops of Brazil.

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28 Msgr. William T. Smith lecture: In 1986, Father Charles Curran answered the Vatican with the claim that most U.S. theologians agree with his teachings.

## Chapter VII:

### “For Higher Is Your Authority than His”

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Bishop Pestana told us in 2010 that the bishops of Brazil denounced him for even bringing up the duty to fight against abortion. They said to Bishop Pestana: Let’s not even try! Let’s give up. Let’s throw in the towel! ***“Let’s not waste our time with these things.”***

In closing, we’ll take a closer look at what Bishop Pestana’s colleagues treated with indifference.

In the United States, there is a young woman named Abby Johnson who had run a Planned Parenthood abortion clinic in Texas – in fact, she had been with Planned Parenthood for eight years. She had bought into the official pro-abortion jargon that abortion is a woman’s “right”; she had bought the lie that the unborn baby feels no pain – though she did have reservations about late-term abortions.

One day in 2009, due to a personnel shortage, she was asked to assist with an ultra-sound guided abortion, something she had never done before.

As she held the probe over the stomach of the young woman having the abortion, Abby saw the image of a perfectly formed baby appear on the ultrasound screen. The baby was about 13 weeks, and Abby saw the clear profile from face to feet.

She then saw the insertion of the cannula (which is a straw shaped instrument attached to the end of the suction cup). She saw the baby *react* – a sudden jerk from his tiny feet. The baby was kicking, as if trying to move away from the invader.

“As the cannula pressed in”, she writes, “the baby began struggling to turn and twist away.”

Then the abortionist told the nurse to switch on the suction, and Abby Johnson describes one of the most horrifying scenes a person could witness. It was an event that instantly converted her from pro-abortion to pro-life:

“The cannula was already being rotated by the doctor and now I could see the tiny body violently twisting with it. For the briefest moment it looked as if the baby was being wrung like a dishcloth, twirled and squeezed. And then the little body crumpled and began disappearing into the cannula before my eyes. I saw the



St. John Chrysostom, Father and Doctor of the Church, warned his priests and fellow bishops they are bound to refuse Communion to public sinners: “For your punishment will not be light should you, knowingly, admit any to Communion of this Table whom you know to be unworthy of it. *His blood will be required at thy hand. (Ezech. 33:8)* And even though he were a general, or a governor, even he who wears the crown, should he draw near unworthy, forbid him: for higher is your authority than his.”

strike criminals not by the material sword, but by the spiritual sword – and that is, if need be, the sword of excommunication.<sup>31</sup>

This sword of excommunication, this most severe punishment, is in itself a work of mercy; it is a no-nonsense attempt to correct the erring Catholic, it *reinforces* to the faithful the gravity of these crimes against human life, and also serves to prevent many Catholics from committing these crimes.

The purpose of this Fatima Apostolate is to promote the Fatima Message, and especially to urge the Pope to consecrate Russia to the Immaculate Heart of Mary so that we will be granted what our Lady promised as a

tiny perfectly formed backbone sucked into the tube. Then everything was gone.”<sup>29</sup>

This is what abortion is: the butchering and murder of unborn babies in the mother’s womb. “The little body crumpled” and sucked out of the womb by a vacuum. It is this high-tech barbarism that the bishops of Brazil – and other Bishops’ Conferences – have decided they’re not going to fight anymore.

I am one of many members of the faithful who see this as a scandal, a supreme dereliction of duty. There is plenty a bishop can do if he wants to, and if he has the courage to take the heat. Let’s take a look at what our Fathers have taught us in this regard.

We know the great St. Bernard and Peter the Venerable taught that in the duty to fight error, the Church has two main weapons: preaching and excommunication.<sup>30</sup> St. Thomas Aquinas noted that the Church must

29 *Unplanned*, Abby Johnson [Carol Stream: Tyndale House, 2010], pp 5-6.

30 *Tolerance*, Rev. A. Vermeerch, S.J. [London: R & T Washborne, LTD., 1913], p. 80.

31 *Ibid.*, pp. 80-81.

result of this consecration: a huge turnaround, and history will suddenly take a different course, which is the conversion of Russia and a period of peace granted to the world.

This triumph of Our Lady's Immaculate Heart will crush the heads of the anti-life forces promoting abortion, population control and euthanasia. In fact, the ever-growing plague of abortion and euthanasia is proof in itself that the Consecration is not done, for the killing of the elderly and terminally ill, and the wholesale slaughter of unborn babies – 3000 abortions per day in the United States alone – will not be a *defining mark* of the triumph of the Immaculate Heart.

That being said, we cannot just wait for Our Lady's triumph and do nothing in the meantime. Opposing these evils with all our strength is a duty we are all pressed to perform. But we Catholic laity can only do so much.

Dear bishops and priests, please heed St. Bernard and Peter the Venerable, *please use the swords of true preaching and excommunication*. And if not excommunication, at least deny sacraments to Catholic politicians who support abortion, euthanasia, “assisted suicide” and so-called same-sex marriage.

Unfortunately, there are bishops in my own country who cower from refusing Communion to pro-abortion Catholic politicians.

In New York, our Governor Andrew Cuomo is a “Catholic” who lives with a woman outside of wedlock. He is pro-abortion and was responsible for the passage of so-called “same-sex” marriage legislation in 2011.

When Albany's Bishop Hubbard was asked what he would do about this scandal of a “Catholic” governor, Hubbard said he would not do anything, because Cuomo's acts are a private matter between him [Cuomo] and God.<sup>32</sup> This pro-abortion, pro-homosexual “Catholic” governor living in sin with a woman not his wife still receives Holy Communion in the Catholic Church.

Archbishop (now Cardinal) Wuerl of Washington D.C., and others have claimed that refusing Communion to a pro-abortion Catholic politician is “not really the pastoral solution.”

Contrast this with St. John Chrysostom, Father and Doctor of the Church, who did not mince words in this regard. St. John Chrysostom said to his priests:

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32 “Cuomo's Right to Holy Communion Is a Private Matter, Bishop Says,” *New York Times*, March 8, 2011,

“It is necessary that I address myself, that you may distribute the sacred gifts with great caution. For your punishment will not be light should you, knowingly, admit any to Communion of this Table whom you know to be unworthy of it. *His blood will be required at thy hand.* (Ezech. 33:8) And even though he were a general, or a governor, even he who wears the crown, should he draw near unworthy, forbid him: for higher is your authority than his.”<sup>33</sup>

So, we repeat the Fifth Commandment: “Thou Shalt Not Kill”, which can be best expressed “Thou Shalt Not Directly Take the Life of the Innocent or the Helpless”.

This is a command from God that today’s anti-life forces despise. What we witness here is the emergence of naturalism, the emergence of the New Paganism, the institutionalizing of revolution, “which is the hatred of all order not established by man and in which he himself is not both king and god.”

I never use the term “Culture of Death”, because from the time of Adam and Eve, when they first brought death into the world through the original sin, we have lived in a culture of death.

No, what we live in now is a culture of “*murder*” – abortion, sterilization, euthanasia and suicide – which is the result of naturalism that has no place for God; and of the New Paganism that has no respect for what our Fathers taught us.

***Let us pray for strength.*** Let us continue our daily Rosary, our Five First Saturdays of Reparation, and our devotion to Our Lady of Fatima, including constantly petitioning for the Consecration of Russia to the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

***Let us study*** so that we grow in the knowledge of truth and knowledge of the enemy.

***Let us combat this culture of murder*** in all its forms, by whatever legitimate means we can.

***Let us wage this fight with a strong sense of purpose, of perseverance, and with a firm spirit of battle joy.***

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33 “The Eucharist: The Memorial of Christ’s Passion,” St. John Chrysostom, Sermon for Feast of Corpus Christi, Taken from *The Sunday Sermons of the Great Fathers*, Vol. 3, p. 139 [Chicago: Regnary, 1959], p. 139.

# Why You MUST Read This Booklet

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Whether we wish to acknowledge it or not, we are all involved in a great battle. The enmity that has existed in the world from the beginning of human history, between God and the devil, is today devouring the whole world. We must choose sides.

***In this war against all human life, NO ONE is safe. The forces of evil, of the devil, under many fronts and disguises, have a battle plan which includes the murder of you, yourself!***

“I will put enmity between thee [the devil] and the Woman [the Blessed Virgin Mary], ***between thy seed and Her seed.***” (Genesis 3:15) Our lives will be spent either in the blessed service of the Queen of Heaven or under the cruel and servile dominion of the prince of darkness. There is no middle ground.

Good and evil, truth and falsehood, are pitted against each other all around us. All of the moral, physical, and intellectual battles which we face today – as likewise have been all the quarrels, wars, and opposing movements of every prior historical period – are ultimately based upon this eternal war between God and the devil.

In recent decades, a mother's womb became one of the most dangerous places on earth. Today, hospitals and nursing homes are becoming equally dangerous. ***Tomorrow, a trip to the doctor's office may prove to be a deadly mistake.***

Read this booklet in order to inform yourself of the escalating stakes in the battle for the sacredness of human life. For the preservation of your own clarity of thought, and possibly for the preservation of your own life, see how the devil has succeeded in portraying evil as good. See how he has led the unsuspecting step by step – by wrong ideas and eventual legislation – down the path of creating a hell on earth.

To those whose eyes of faith are kept wide open, it is plain that the battle for souls and for human lives is raging all around us. To those who are intellectually and spiritually asleep, yet who do not realize that they have been lulled to sleep, there seems to be no cause for alarm.

For our own sakes as well as for theirs, we must all rouse ourselves and those on our path through life who are still capable of being aroused to address the present errors, lest we all end up dead in this life and the next as VICTIMS of this widespread sloth and indifference regarding the New Paganism's culture of murder.

***See Inside to Learn how we can definitively  
defeat the enemies of all human life!***